



Fire Program Analysis Briefing Paper #3

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Topic: Fire Program Analysis (FPA) timeline

Purpose: This third FPA briefing describes FPA system timeline activities

Background:

The FPA system will be released in two phases. On June 30, 2008, FPA will deliver core functional tools for prototype and early-adopter FPU (volunteer system testers) to develop and analyze investment alternatives. After the system is tested, stable, and fully functional, it will be release to all FPUs by mid- to late-September 2008.

FPA will provide input to the federal fire program budget development. To complete the analysis in time for the FY2011 budget request development, specific FPA activities must be accomplished. The dates and activity sequence for implementation is outlined below.

General Activity Timeline

April 1 – June 19, 2008. Geographic Area-hosted workshops held to orient participants to FPA and future online training. Learning areas were: understanding how the FPA system works, introduction to the FPA modules, and data preparation for input into the FPA system.

June 30, 2008. Released core functions of the FPA system for Fire Planning Unit (FPU) use. Prototype and early-adopter FPUs will test the system by developing and analyzing investment alternatives and provide feedback to improve system performance.

Mid- to late-September. Release additional Fire Planning Unit functions. All FPUs will be able to use the system for end-to-end analysis.

September – December 15, 2008. Develop and analyze investment alternatives for federal fire program budget planning. During this time span, FPU fire planners input data and run analyses to develop alternatives to submit by December 15 for consideration in the federal fire management budget formulation process.

December 15 – February 15, 2009. Review period

Time set aside to conduct technical review and programmatic reviews. Technical reviews at the FPU level are meant to check over the technical results of a single FPU. Programmatic reviews at the regional level will look at the collective results of a geographic area.

February 15. FPUs submit investment alternatives to national offices for national-level analysis.

February 15 – May 2009. Conduct national-level analysis. This analysis provides fire budget information for the preparedness and fuels components of the fire program for the FY2011 budget request.

Conclusion:

The first year of FPA implementation will be a learning opportunity; significant shifts in funding or resources are not expected. However, these first year analyses will help the agencies fine tune FPA for calendar year 2009 when planning the FY 2012 budget.

The fourth briefing will address leadership involvement.